REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	**10/685,924**
Filing Date	**October 15, 2003**
First Named Inventor	**Manabu Aizawa, et al.**
Art Unit	**2862**
Examiner Name	**Kenneth Whittington**
Attorney Docket No.	**09792909-5699**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) **required**)

b. ☐ Petition for Extension of Time

3. Fees **The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.**

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any discrepancies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **19-3140**

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other

b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee of $790.00 (the basic RCE filing fee) to American Express credit card. Credit Card payment authorization for the fee is made via the electronic submission process. **Applicant(s) hereby petition for any extension of time needed to ensure that this submission is timely filed.**

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14. ☒ Customer No. 26263

Dated: June 14, 2006

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